

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

Please amend claims 1-5 and 7-9 and cancel claim 6 so that the claims read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine, comprising a lubricating base oil; (A) a triphosphate represented by formula (1) below in an amount of 0.01 to 0.2 percent by mass in terms of phosphorus; (B) a succinimide and/or derivative thereof in an amount of 0.01 to 0.3 percent by mass in terms of nitrogen; (C) an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal detergent in an amount of 0.05 to 1 percent by mass in terms of metal; and (D) a phenol-based and/or amine-based anti-oxidants in an amount of 0.01 to 3 percent by mass:



wherein the groups of R^1 are each independently a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 30 carbon atoms and are the same or different from each other; and wherein the composition contains no zinc dialkyldithiophosphates.

2. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal detergent contains an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent.

3. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 2 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent is an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent having a ~~whose~~ metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content (mol)” [[is]] of 3 or less.

4. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 2 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal detergent is a mixture of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent having a ~~whose~~ metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content

(mol)” is of 1.5 or less and an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent ~~whose~~ having a metal ratio is of more than 1.5.

5. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 2 wherein said alkali metal or alkaline earth metal detergent is a mixture of an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate detergent ~~whose~~ having a metal ratio represented by “valence of metal element x metal element content (mol) / soap group content (mol)” is of 1.5 or less and an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal sulfonate detergent.

6. (canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 which contains a lubricating base oil having an ~~whose~~ aromatic content is of 3 percent by mass or less and a sulfur content is of 50 ppm by mass or less.

8. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to claim 1 which is used in an internal combustion engine using a fuel having a ~~whose~~ sulfur content is of 50 ppm by mass or less.

9. (Currently Amended) The lubricating oil composition for an internal combustion engine according to ~~any one of~~ claim 1 which is used in gas engines.